**P4/5 Newsletter TERM 1 2018**

Welcome back to school everyone! We hope you had a fantastic summer (seems like a long time ago now) and are ready for an exciting and busy new term. We would like to share with you all some of our ways of working and plans for this session.

Mrs Ingram will be working with P4/5 on a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, while Mrs Brown will work with the class on Thursday & Friday.

**PE**

The class will have two PE sessions with Mrs Glennie most weeks, one on alternate Wednesdays and the other every Thursday. However, pupils should ensure that they have their PE kits with them ***every day*** in school. Girls with long hair should have it tied back for PE.

**Forest Schools**

This term Mrs McConachie will be taking the class for several sessions of Forest Schools. This will be on certain Wednesday mornings (dates to follow).

Please ensure that your child comes to school on those days wearing appropriate clothing: **jeans or joggers, warm fleece, thick socks, gloves, hat, scarf, waterproof jacket and sturdy boots or wellies.** Your child should bring their school uniform in a carrier bag that day, in order to change later. (Remember to include a change of socks!)

**Maths and Numeracy**

P4/5 will start this session with multiplication & division (2, 5 and 10 times tables). They will also be continuing to work on methods of addition & subtraction. Practical Maths will focus on Measurement, Length, Weight, Capacity & Area.

**Literacy and Topic Work**

This term we will be studying **‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’** by Roald Dahl. We will be reading the novel as a class and carrying out a variety of follow-up activities aimed at enhancing understanding & improving comprehension skills. The novel will also inspire a wide range of fun activities, such as making sweets, writing out chocolate-based recipes, designing posters, finding out more about Fairtrade chocolate, drawing the characters ….. the list is endless! We also hope to visit a real life Chocolate factory in Aberdeen.

Other Language work will include weekly spelling tasks, listening skills and further work on VCOP (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation) aimed at improving story writing skills.

**Friday Activities:**

As usual the pupils will be given the choice to do something different on Friday afternoons. This term they will be split up into different groups: Eco Group, Rights Respecting group, Health Group and Gardening Group. Each group will draw up an action plan and do relevant activities. If any parents can help out with this, we would be delighted as it would enable us to get outside as much as possible.

**Homework**

Maths homework will be set on a regular basis. The pupils will sometimes be asked to complete tasks on Education City, so will need access to a computer for this. In the meantime please encourage your child to practise their 2, 5 & 10 times tables; singing & chanting them is the best way of getting them to stick!

Additional tasks may also be set throughout the term. Pupils should ensure that homework is handed in on time and that it is completed to the best of their ability.

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If you wish to discuss anything at all throughout the term, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will happily arrange a time to meet with you.

**Mrs F Ingram and Mrs T Brown**